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**Kofi Atta ANNAN**

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*Secretary General, UN (since 1997)*

*Addressed as: Mr. Secretary General*

**Background:** Seventh UN secretary general . . . began UN career in 1963 at World Health Organization . . . left UN in 1974 to work for Ghana Tourist Development Company before returning to UN in 1976 . . . served as Under Secretary for Peacekeeping Operations, 1993-97.

**Languages:** English, French, several African languages.

**Personal Notes:** Born on 8 April 1938 near Kumasi, Ghana . . . father was business executive and honorary Fante chief; through his mother, Annan is heir to chieftaincy of native Ghanaian Akwamu people . . . enjoys hiking, dancing . . . has a daughter and a son from first marriage; married Nane Lagergren in 1984.

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